

CLAIMS

1. An over container for providing a security housing for a primary container, the over container being adapted to receive or contain the primary container and having alarm triggering means therein such that, when in a locked configuration, neither the primary container nor the alarm triggering means can be removed therefrom and, when in an unlocked configuration, the over container can be opened to allow the primary container to be removed therefrom, the over container being provided with a locking device having first and second arms which, in a locked position, respectively engage parts of the over container so as to hold the over container in a closed configuration and which, in an unlocked position, enable said parts to be moved to an open configuration, the locking device having retaining means which, when the locking device is moved to the locked position, acts to retain the locking device in this position and which is releasable upon application of a predetermined magnetic field thereto.
2. An over container as claimed in claim 1 arranged to be a snug-fit around the primary container.
3. An over container as claimed in claim 1 or 2 provided with locating means for locating and/or holding the primary container therein.
4. An over container as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 in which the security device is moveable between a locked position and an unlocked position but cannot be removed from the over container.
5. An over container as claimed in claim 4 in which the security device comprises resilient means arranged to flex in one direction to permit the security device to be installed in the container but not in an opposite direction so as to prevent the security device being withdrawn completely from the over container.

6. An over container as claimed in claim 5 in which the resilient means comprises a tab arranged to be able to pass through a slot in the container in one direction as the security is first installed in the container but to be unable to pass through the slot in the opposite direction.
7. An over container as claimed in any preceding claim in which the security device comprises a head portion and first and second arms projecting substantially parallel to each other from the head portion.
8. An over container as claimed in claim 7 having a base portion adapted to receive the first arm of the security device and a lid portion adapted to receive the second arm thereof.
9. An over container as claimed in claim 7 or 8 in which the first arm is longer than the second arm.
10. An over container as claimed in claim 9 in which the first arm is provided with the retaining means.
11. An over container as claimed in claim 10 in which the first arm, when the security device is in the locked position, extends into the over container so as to interact with the primary container and/or with locating means for locating the primary container so as to inhibit removal of the primary container from the over container.
12. An over container as claimed in any preceding claim in which the retaining means comprises a pivot arm and a detent which, in the locked position, are engaged with each other and which are arranged to be moved out of engagement with each other upon application of a predetermined magnetic field thereto.

13. An over container as claimed in any preceding claim in which the alarm triggering means is secured to an inner surface of the over container.
14. An over container as claimed in any of claims 1 to 12 in which the alarm triggering means is secured to part of the security device which is inaccessible when the container is locked in the closed configuration.
15. An over container as claimed in any preceding claim in which the alarm triggering means comprises an electronic article surveillance (EAS) tag.
16. An over container as claimed in any preceding claim adapted to contain a conventional "jewel box" type of CD container.
17. A security container arranged or used as an overbox, the security container being adapted to receive or contain predetermined goods and having alarm triggering means therein such that, when in a locked configuration, neither the goods nor the alarm triggering means can be removed therefrom and, when in an unlocked configuration, the container can be opened to allow the goods to be removed therefrom, the container being provided with a locking device having first and second arms which, in a locked position, respectively engage parts of the container so as to hold the container in a closed configuration and which, in an unlocked position, enable said parts to be moved to an open configuration, the locking device having retaining means which, when the locking device is moved to the locked position, acts to retain the locking device in this position and which is releasable upon application of a predetermined magnetic field thereto.
18. A security container as claimed in claim 17 having locating means for locating and/or holding said predetermined goods therein.
19. A security container as claimed in claim 18 in which the security device is arranged, when in the locked position, to interact with said predetermined

goods and/or with said locating means so as to inhibit movement of said predetermined goods away from the locating means.

20. An over container or security container as claimed in any preceding claim in which the security device comprises a head portion from which the first and second arms extend and arranged such that, when in the locked position, the head portion is located externally of the container adjacent a first side thereof and the retaining means is located internally of the container adjacent a second side thereof extending substantially perpendicular to the first side.
21. A security device adapted for use with a container or over container as claimed in any preceding claim.
22. A security device as claimed in claim 21 comprising a head portion and having first and second arms extending substantially parallel to each other from the head portion.
23. A security device as claimed in claim 22 in which the first arm is longer than the second arm.
24. A security device as claimed in claim 23 in which the first arm is provided with retaining means moveable between a locked position and an unlocked position upon application of a predetermined magnetic field.
25. A security device as claimed in any of claims 21-24 having movement limiting means which permit insertion of the security device into a container but prevent it being completely withdrawn therefrom.
26. A security device as claimed in claim 25 in which the movement limiting means comprises a resilient tab able to pass through a slot in one direction but not in the opposite direction.

27. A security container adapted to receive or contain predetermined goods other than information storage media directly and having alarm triggering means therein such that, when in a locked configuration, neither the goods nor the alarm triggering means can be removed therefrom and, when in an unlocked configuration, the container can be opened to allow the goods to be removed therefrom, the container being provided with a locking device having first and second arms which, in a locked position, respectively engage parts of the container so as to hold the container in a closed configuration and which, in an unlocked position, enable said parts to be moved to an open configuration, the locking device having retaining means which, when the locking device is moved to the locked position, acts to retain the locking device in this position and which is releasable upon application of a predetermined magnetic field thereto.

28. A container or over container adapted to receive a security device as claimed in any of claims 21 to 26 so as to form a container or over container as claimed in any of claims 1 to 20 or claim 27.